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Examiner: Cai, Wayne Huu)
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HOME NETWORK DETERMINATION)
IN A MOBILE PHONE)

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In response to the Office action of September 1, 2004, applicant responds as follows:

REMARKS

The Examiner has rejected claims 1-4, 7-10, 13-16, and 19-22 under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Sambin (US2004/0106413 A1) in view of Anvekar (US2002/0197991 A1).

Sambin teaches a transmission method for cellular telephony mobile equipment location data. In other words, the goal of Sambin is to allow the mobile equipment (cellular telephone) to geographically locate itself and transmit the location data via SMS messages to a service center (see, ¶12 and ¶13). The Examiner correctly points out that the mobile equipment does indeed "receive an over-the-air signal comprised of control data including PLMN data and location area information (LAI) data" from the base station it is currently in contact with. The Examiner does not cite Sambin as

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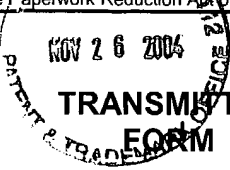
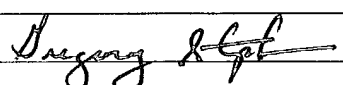
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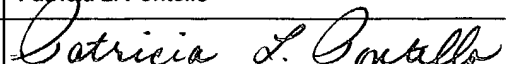
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